

HOUSE No. 790

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty
relative to paternity actions in the Juvenile Court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PATERNITY ACTIONS IN THE JUVENILE COURT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 3 of Chapter 209C is
2 amended by adding in line seven, after the words “probate and
3 family court department”, the following words:— “or in the juve-
4 nile court pursuant to subsection (c) below”.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 3 of Chapter 209C is
2 amended by adding, in line 24, after the words “adjudicate pater-
3 nity”, the following words:— to issue custody orders.

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (e) of section 3 of Chapter 209C is
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:— If
3 the juvenile court issued an order or judgment for custody, at the
4 time of the dismissal or final order in the Juvenile Court the juve-
5 nile court shall transfer to the appropriate probate and family
6 court the order or judgment granting custody and the judgment
7 shall remain in full force and effect and shall be enforced and
8 modified in said court department.